

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

- 1                   1.       A method for preparation of an RF device for distribution, comprising:  
2                   providing an ID label for use in delivery of each RF device;  
3                   receiving an identification code emitted from the RF device;  
4                   reading the ID label; and  
5                   comparing information associated with the identification code with  
6                   information associated with the ID label.
- 1                   2.       The method of claim 1, wherein the ID label is a mailing label.
- 1                   3.       The method of claim 1, further comprising:  
2                   verifying that the identification code emitted from the RF device corresponds  
3                   to an address that matches a delivery address on the ID label.
- 1                   4.       The method of claim 1, further comprising:  
2                   inserting each of the RF devices into an envelope for mailing; and  
3                   applying the ID label to the envelope.
- 1                   5.       The method of claim 1, further comprising:  
2                   incorporating each of the RF devices into a structure of a standard size.
- 1                   6.       The method of claim 5 , wherein the step of incorporating comprises  
2                   heat shrink wrapping each of the RF devices.
- 1                   7.       The method of claim 5 , wherein the step of incorporating comprises  
2                   affixing each RF device to a backboard of standard size.
- 1                   8.       The method of claim 1 , wherein the standard size is the size of a  
2                   standard financial presentation instrument.
- 1                   9.       The method of claim 8, wherein the presentation instrument is a credit  
2                   card.
- 1                   10.      The method of claim 1, wherein the preparation for distribution is  
2                   preparation for mailing to a recipient, wherein the RF device is packaged for mail delivery  
3                   prior to providing an ID label, wherein the ID label is a mailing label with the name and  
4                   address of the recipient, and wherein the mailing address is read after applied to the package.

- 1                    11.     The method of claim 10, wherein the mailing label further includes a  
2 bar code.
- 1                    12.     The method of claim 11, wherein a database is accessed in response to  
2 at last one of the steps of receiving the identification code from the RF device and reading the  
3 bar code on the mailing label, and wherein the correct address for delivery of the RF device is  
4 verified by comparing the information associated with the identification code with the  
5 information associated with the bar code.
- 1                    13.     The method of claim 1, wherein the compared information is account  
2 holder address information.
- 1                    14.     The method of claim 1, wherein the compared information is account  
2 holder name information.
- 1                    15.     A system for preparing an RF device for delivery to the holder of an  
2 account associated with the RF device, comprising:  
3                    a labeler for preparing a mailing label for use in delivering the RF device;  
4                    an RF reader for reading an identification code emitted by the RF device;  
5                    a label reader for reading mailing information from the mailing label; and  
6                    a processor for accessing a database in response to the operation of at least one  
7 of the RF reader and the label reader, for retrieving account holder information from the  
8 database, and for using the retrieved information to verify the mailing information from the  
9 mailing label.
- 1                    16.     The system of claim 15, further comprising a packager for packaging  
2 the RF device for delivery to the account holder, wherein the RF reader reads the  
3 identification code after the RF device is packaged.
- 1                    17.     The system of claim 15, wherein the labeler applies the mailing label  
2 to the package, and wherein the label reader reads mailing information from the mailing label  
3 after applied to the package.
- 1                    18.     The system of claim 15, wherein the identification code read from the  
2 RF device is used to retrieve mailing information from the database.

1                    19.     The system of claim 15, wherein the mailing information read from  
2 mailing label is used to retrieve RF device information from the database.

1                    20.     The system of claim 15, wherein the mailing information comprises  
2 the account holder name.

1                    21.     The system of claim 15, wherein the mailing information comprises  
2 the account holder address.

1                    22.     The system of claim 15, wherein the delivery of the RF device is  
2 through a postal service.

1                    23.     The system of claim 15, wherein the delivery of the RF device is  
2 through a courier service.

1                    24.     A system for verifying a mailing label used with an RF device,  
2 wherein the RF device emits an identification code and wherein stored mailing information  
3 intended for use in delivery of the RF device is associated with the identification code, the  
4 system comprising:

5                    an RF transceiver for receiving the identification code from the RF device; and  
6                    a label reader for reading mailing information from the mailing label, the label  
7 mailing information used for delivery of the RF device, whereby the label mailing  
8 information may be compared to the stored mailing information.

1                    25.     A system for verifying a mailing label used with an RF device,  
2 wherein the mailing label has mailing information thereon to be used for delivery of the RF  
3 device, wherein the RF device emits an identification code, and wherein the system has  
4 stored mailing information associated with the identification code and intended to be used for  
5 delivery of the RF device, the system comprising:

6                    means for reading the identification code from the RF device; and  
7                    means for reading mailing information from the mailing label, whereby the  
8 label mailing information may be compared to the stored mailing information.